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Dear Dr. Chumak:

As you are aware, our office has been carefully reviewing the progress of the cataract study, especially the worker dosimetry. This review began in May following receipt of your semi-annual progress report. Because of the questions surrounding the progress report, it seemed prudent to ask you to prepare an Interim Report on Cataract Dosimetry. We conducted an internal review of the Interim Report. This led to a series of followup questions and responses and culminated in a conference call with you, Dr. Basil Worgul, Dr. Yuri Kundiev, and Dr. Peter Vitte on August 1, 2000. The group requested and we granted until September 30, 2000, to respond to our questions.

As the study will enter its sixth and final year on October 1, 2000, we believe that the cataract study could greatly benefit from an external review focusing on worker dosimetry. To that end, I am in the process of assembling a group of ad hoc reviewers whose charge will be to evaluate the work accomplished to date and recommend a course of action for the study's last year. I plan to conduct the review after receipt of your response to our questions. Upon review of the reviewers' comments, we will make a decision about how to restructure the work.

After we decide how to restructure the work based on input from the ad hoc reviewers, I will ask you to prepare a new annual work plan and budget.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions on (301) 903-6740.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barrett N. Fountos".

Barrett N. Fountos
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